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| Interview Summary | Application No. 09/920,432 | Applicant(s) CUCKLER ET AL. | |
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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: model of invention and of prior art.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 77.

Identification of prior art discussed: Setiey et al., FR 2 660 546 A1; Rambert et al., FR 2 578 162 A1.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant contrasted the present invention with the applied prior art in terms of the location of the flanges and geometry and purpose of the cement buttress or containment lip, the facilitation of adjustments on the liner relative to the shell, and so on. The examiner will review claims and the Applicant's comments in light of the discussion, and the examiner will permit a supplemental amendment emphasizing the key features of the present invention.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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